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Letter dated 27 August 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a document concerning the wrap-up session on the work of the Security Council in the month of August 2001, for the meeting to be held on Friday, 31 August 2001 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Colombian Presidency of the Security Council

Wrap Up Session

August 2001

On 31 August 2001, there will be a Security Council Wrap Up Session in a Public Meeting during which members of the Council will exchange views on the most salient procedural and substantive aspects that have characterized the work of this organ during the month of August.

Objectives and Suggested Issues

Generally, this session will provide an unusual opportunity to assess critically the ways and means used by the Security Council to fulfill its responsibility in the maintenance of international peace and security.

More specifically, however, this session will attempt to,

(i) dwell on particular experiences of the work of Council during the month of August that may contribute to enhance the quality and political relevance of the work of Security Council in the immediate future;

(ii) reaffirm monthly presidencies as interconnected and interdependent occurrences and not as isolated happenings.

In this context, Council members may wish to refer to any lessons that may follow from the consideration of this month's agenda, as well as to procedural issues such as the conduct of work of the month (i.e., transparency, provisional program, schedules), the quality and pertinence of the briefings presented to the Council by the Secretariat, and possibly, the contents of the *Report of the Security Council to the General Assembly*. In addition, Council members may wish to refer the usefulness of meetings such as the one convened this month on *Regional Approaches to Conflict Management in Africa*.

Participation of Members of the Security Council

Members of the Security Council are expected to contribute in the discussion with brief, frank, focused and pointed statements, preferably, on those issues outlined in this paper. As President of the Council, Colombia does not believe that this meeting is an opportunity to reiterate national positions on substantive items of the agenda discussed during the month.

Duration of the Meeting and Expected Results

The public meeting is designed to be of short duration. The Permanent Mission of Colombia will prepare a brief summary of this discussion and will distribute it to the members of the Council.